

THE DUERKSEN FAMILY HISTORY  
-from 1750-

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HILLSBORO, KS 67063-1799

(This was written by John F. Duerksen, Corn, Oklahoma-1863-1932)

1. John Duerksen was born, lived and died in Prussia at Marienverder at Königsberg. He lived during the period of 1750 - 1840. He married three times.

Table I

Children of his first marriage:

2. John J. Duerksen; and his sister, Mrs. Wilhelm Janzen.

He lived and died at Marienverder at Königsberg, Prussia. Born approximately 1765 and died in 1855. During the French War in 1812, he lodged French soldiers in his home when the French army marched through the country. He was liberal toward them, and they, in turn, treated him in a friendly manner. They paid for what they took. He was a butter, cheese and sausage dealer. His children were:

The Janzen family is also represented in America. Some members live in Buhler, Kansas and some of these have moved to California. Mrs. Peter Wiebe, Mariental\*, Russia was the grand-daughter of great grandfather. Father Janzen became somewhat displeased when the French soldiers molested him, and subsequently, he was severely beaten. They broke many things in his home.

3. John Duerksen, "Ol Ohm John"; "Olmüller" and Henry Duerksen.

These two brothers lived in much unpleasantness. They were both very hot-tempered.

He (John) was married to Helena Boldt. I met a member of the Boldt family in California, I believe, near Reedley.

Table I

Children of his second marriage:

"Old" Cornelius Duerksen, named thus, because he became so very old. He was married twice.

(a) Children of his first marriage:

1. John Duerksen (shoe repair man)
2. Peter Duerksen (tailor)
3. Anna Duerksen, married to Martin Dickmann, Alexandertal.

Sara Duerksen, married to Peter Penner

1. Peter Penner, Alexanderkram\*
2. Henry Penner
3. Jacob Penner
4. David Penner, Buhler, Kansas
5. Franz Penner, "Praegeman"\*
6. Sara Penner, married to Henry Franz. Buhler, and Corn Okla.

4. Elizabeth Duerksen, married to Cornelius Duerksen. Cooper, Hooker, California. Children of this marriage were: P. F. Franzen Henry Franzen and their sisters
  5. Katherine Duerksen, married to John Regier, Klippenfeld, Russia to Henderson, Nebr.
  6. Sara Duerksen, married to Dave Friesen
- (b) Children of his second marriage (to a daughter of the Welken family):
1. Cornelius Duerksen
  2. Jacob Duerksen
  3. John Duerksen
  4. David Duerksen
  5. Gerhard Duerksen
  6. Henry Duerksen
  7. Anna Duerksen, married to Cornelius Dalke.
  8. Helena Duerksen, married to Henry Friesen, Hillsboro, Kansas:
- \* all of these sons were feeble-minded!

#### Table I.

Children of the third marriage of great grandfather, John Duerksen:

Gerhard Duerksen, Alexandertal, Russia. He was a head elder in the Colony. His children were:

1. Abraham Duerksen, blacksmith, in Alexandertal, Russia
2. David Duerksen, schoolteacher and preacher
3. Gerhard Duerksen, village mayor-judge and Colony mayor-judge
4. Cornelius Duerksen
5. Jacob Duerksen 1860-1922
6. Anna Duerksen, married to Henry Funk. who died in jail a relative (Frieda Funk)

#### Table II

(Fourth Generation)

Children of John Duerksen (Olmuller) are:

1. Henry Duerksen. Henry-Peter-Elizabeth-Maria
2. John Duerksen. He was a man who was blessed. He had a large family and great wealth. Hillsboro, Kansas. He died very suddenly.
3. Peter Duerksen. Elizabettal, Russia. He was a miller and had two wheat flour mills.\*
4. Cornelius Duerksen. Alexandertal. Rudnerweide,\*(insert: on the side of the Dnieper River where flows the Don River) on the Don side. Kansas to California. Became old and died satisfied with life and ready for the end.
- 5. Jacob J. Duerksen. Married to Katherine Funk (widow of Issac Harms). He, too, was a miller and later only a farmer 1840 to 1904. Hillsboro, Kansas. + 2nd
6. Gerhard Duerksen. Hillsboro, Kansas, California, Fairview, Okla.
7. Elizabeth, married to a Kroeker (shoe repair man) very poor. Alexandertal.
8. Eva Duerksen, married to Peter Berg. Elizabettal to Kansas.

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This found on a page of small Bible which  
had been inserted in the pages of the Large  
one. Under the heading Voreltern (Adelaide has the  
copy)

Ich, Johann F Dürksen, bin geboren  
in Preußen in Dorf Mlangandorf  
am 25 Juli 1863 am Sonntag.  
Lohd darauf werden ich von Dr. Jakob  
Janz, Freundesfeld, eingepflegt. Ein Mann  
ist mir wichtig und ich bestehe seinen  
Gang. Er ist schon ein in die Pfunde  
groß gewordener Mann. Ich bin getauft  
am 30 April 1879 in Pliygau, in der  
Tollmünd. Mein Eltern heißen Jakob  
und Katharina (geborene Fink). Jakob geboren  
1840 am 2. Mai Katharina geboren 1844.  
am 14 Juni. Beide sind in Mlangandorf  
geboren und groß geworden. Die Eltern  
meiner Mutter waren Johann und Barbara  
(geborene Lohd) Dürksen. Beide in  
Preußen geboren. Ihre Eltern müssen  
nicht weit von Danzig gelebt haben. Die  
Eltern meiner Mutter heißen Peter Fink  
und Juliane (geborene Fink), beide in  
Preußen geboren. Der Dr. meine Großmutter  
Johann Fink soll im Krieg gegen  
Napoleon 1815 gestorben sein, und meine  
Großmutter war schon 19 Jahre alt als  
sie aus der Lutherschen Kirche übertrat.

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(Written on a page of a small Bible. This page had been inserted  
in large Family Bible.)

I, John F. Duerksen, was born in Russia in the village Alexandertal  
on July 25, 1863 on Thursday. In a short time, I was dedicated to the  
Lord by Br. Jacob Jantz, Friedensfeld. The man was interesting to me,  
and I observed him closely. He is already well founded in the service  
of his Lord, old and well experienced in the service of his Lord. I was  
baptized on April 30, 1879, in Klippenfeld in the Talmand. My parents  
are Jacob and Katherine (born, Funk). Jacob was born May 2, 1840.  
Katherine was born June 14, 1844. Both were born and reared in  
Alexandertal. The parents of my father were John and Helena (born Boldt)  
Duerksen. Both born in Prussia. Their parents must have lived near  
Danzig. The parents of my mother were Peter Funk and Julianna (born,  
Fenski). Both born in Prussia. My grandmother was about 19 years old  
when she left the Lutheran Church and joined the Gnadenfeld Mennonite  
Church. My grandmother's brother died in the war against Napoleon in  
1815. The parents of my wife were Abraham and Katherine (born Dück)  
Warkentin. (On the margin opposite this is this notation: Baptized  
1884, July 19.)

Jacob J. buried in Hillsboro, Kansas

Abraham Warkentin buried in Butler, Kansas

(G. J. Jantz's notation)